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1. FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE TEXT OF UPI ARTICLE ON CONGRESSMAN ADDABBO WHICH APPEARED IN CHINESE POST AUGUST 27:

2. "TAIPEI, AUG 26 (UPI) THE UNITED STATES WILL DEFINITELY SEND MILITARY AID TO TAIWAN IF A WAR BREAKS OUT BETWEEN (RED) CHINA AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH ADDABBO (DEMOCRAT, NEW YORK) SAID TUESDAY.

3. "THE HEAD OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, WHO IS LEADING AN INSPECTION TOUR IN ASIA, SAID TAIWAN COULD EXPECT THE UNITED STATES TO SEND JUST ABOUT EVERY KIND OF MILITARY AID, EXCEPT GROUND TROOPS, A CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY (CNA) REPORT QUOTED HIM SAYING TUESDAY.

4. "ALTHOUGH THE CONGRESSMAN FAVORS A REDUCED MILITARY BUDGET, THE REPORT SAID, HE STRESSED THAT U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN ASIA IS NECESSARY.

5. "HE ALSO SAID THAT ANY FURTHER CUTS IN U.S. MILITARY SPENDING HERE IS UNLIKELY SINCE THE UNITED STATES HAS NO COMBAT TROOPS STATIONED IN THIS COUNTRY AND THE MILITARY PERSONNEL LEVEL IS CLOSE TO A MINIMUM.

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6. "U.S. MILITARY FORCES IN TAIWAN HAVE BEEN CUT TO ABOUT 2,800.

7. "THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN THE NEAR FUTURE AT LEAST IN U.S. MILITARY COMMITMENTS TO TAIWAN. ADDABBO WAS QUOTED AS SAYING BEFORE HE CONCLUDED HIS THREE-DAY VISIT TO TAIWAN.

8. "ON A TOUR OF U.S. MILITARY BASES IN ASIA, ADDABBO AND SIX OTHER CONGRESS MEMBERS REVIEWED THE U.S. MILITARY STATUS IN JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA AND TAIWAN.

9. "THE GROUP MET WITH PRESIDENT C.K. YEN, PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO AND CHINESE AND AMERICAN MILITARY LEADERS DURING ITS STAY HERE.

10. "THE CONTINUED U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE HERE IS A REAL CONCERN TO THE CHINESE LEADERS IN TAIWAN AND THEY THINK THE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE HERE WILL ACT AS A DETERRENT THE CONGRESSMAN SAID.

11. "ADDABBO AND HIS GROUP DEPARTED FOR OKINAWA AND GUAM TUESDAY."

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